Funds Allocated to J&K States as Plan Assistance

@*30A. SHRI SHABBIR AHMED SALARIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that J&K State is entitled to 90 per cent grant and 10 per cent loan as plan assistance from the Central Government, being one of the eight special category States;

(b) whether it is also a fact that at present the State is being given 30 per cent grant and 70 per cent loan;

(c) if the reply to parts (a) and (b) above be in the affirmative, what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) when the State will be allocated funds according to its entitlement?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH): (a) No, Sir. Only the Ladakh region of J&K State is entitled for plan assistance in the form of 90% grant and 10% loan.

(b) Yes, Sir, except for the Ladakh region as stated in part (a).

(c) Does not arise.

(d) The State already being allocated funds according to its entitlement.

Environmental Clearance to the Narmada Sardar Sarovar Project

*31. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that some organisations have been campaigning against the Narmada Sardar Sarovar Project on the issue of environmental protection; if so, what is the reaction of Government thereto and whether adequate funds would be released for expediting work on this project;

(b) whether Government are also aware that environmental clearance to the Narmada Project has been given after scrutinising all aspects of rehabilitation and aforestation; if so, whether Government stand committed to complete this National project; and

(c) whether the Prime Minister has publicly spoken against the big irrigation projects in his interview in the *Illustrated Weekly of India* issue of August 20-26, 1989 and whether he has changed his opinion since then?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SMT. MANEKA GANDHI): (a) The Government is aware of the campaign against Narmada Sagar and Sardar Sarovar Projects. The Projects were accorded environmental clearance in June 1987, with certain stipulations to safeguard the environment. Provision of the funds for the project is subject to overall availability of resources in the Plan.

(b) and (c) All aspects of rehabilitation and afforestation have been scrutinised. There is no change in the earlier decision. Action on all the environmental aspects is to proceed simultaneously with the engineering works, as stipulated while clearing the project.

भारतीय खाद्य निगम को राजसहायता

*32. श्री राम जेठमलानी :
सरदार जगजीत सिंह अरोड़ा :

क्या खाद्य और नागरिक पूर्ति मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि भारतीय खाद्य निगम को वित्तीय सहायता के रूप में नियमित रूप से सरकार द्वारा राजसहायता दी जाती रही है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान निगम को प्रति वर्ष कितनी-

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